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In re application of: Edward L. Sinofsky

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WITH IRRIGATION FEATURES

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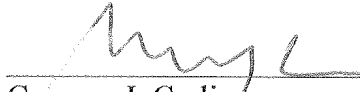
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated January 15, 2008, in the above-identified patent application. In the Office Action, it was alleged that the claims are directed to two different inventions. Namely, Group I including Claims 1-16 drawn to a method and apparatus for generic tissue treatment and Group II including Claim 17 drawn to a method for cardiac or epicardial treatment. Without conceding the appropriateness of the restriction requirement and reserving all rights to pursue the non-elected claims, applicant hereby elects to proceed with Group I, Claims 1-16.

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§1.6 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to deposit Account No. 50-1225 (RMI-5755CON1).

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